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Students' Society plans to kick politics

by Karen Taylor

Students' Society has announced a controversial new plan to remove support for any group it deems to be "political."

The first group affected is the McGill Southern Africa Committee (SAC). Students' Society president Scott Mitic informed SAC last Thursday that the group will lose its status as one of the influential 'committees of council'.

Students' Society has not formally discussed the plan to change SAC's status.

Mitic said he wants the student council to "move away from taking any stands on non-educational issues, whether that's the Gulf war, abortion or South Africa."

Gwen Schulman, a long-time SAC member, said the new policy has serious consequences for student life at McGill.

"As I understand it, they're not going to support any kind of solidarity organization anymore, and so they call that being non-political," she said.

"I find that highly political."

Students' Society set up SAC 12 years ago. As a 'committee of council', its role was to provide socio-

logical, political and economic information on South Africa, to implement council policy and to recommend changes to council policy.

Since then, SAC has played a central role in McGill's dynamic anti-apartheid movement, members say. SAC has entrenched sanctions in the student council constitution and encouraged Students' Society to work against apartheid.

When SAC is demoted to an 'interest group', Mitic said, "Students' Society policy on South Africa will disappear."

SAC members also fear that being the new policy will weaken the group's influence on campus. Students' Society policy manuals define 'interest groups' as groups which "fulfil the specific needs and wants of their membership." They have no specific advisory role on the student council.

Mitic denied that the change in status would be a "demotion" or would result in less stature.

Mitic said there would be no decrease in SAC's budget. Nor will Students' Society cut back the office space SAC shares with the Black

Students' Network, the Latin American Awareness Group and External Affairs.

"We don't want to diminish their ability to act. They're going to have the same rights, the same responsibilities. Their clout is what they make of their clout."

Mitic said Students' Society plans to replace the specific South Africa policy with a more general anti-racist, anti-sexist one.

But SAC coordinator Ashna Vohru said McGill still needs a specific anti-apartheid policy.

"The student council is getting a lot more laid back and their policy is less detailed. Who knows what will come next," she said.

"McGill has a history of investing millions of dollars in South Africa and the policy should remain until the problem in South Africa is over."

"It's not that we don't believe in the legitimacy of the issue," Mitic said. "We just have no mandate to support South Africa over any other issue. How can we explain to a Palestinian student that SAC gets money and the Palestinian Students' Committee [ed. note: it's actually the Palestine Solidarity Com-

mittee] is just a club? We want to get rid of that discrepancy."

But Abdul-Malik al-Jabir, former president of the Palestine Solidarity Committee, said Mitic is just playing one group off another. "We want SAC to get money even if we aren't funded. It angers us that the student council is shirking its responsibility and avoiding social issues."

Al-Jabir disagreed with student council's decision not to support political groups. "It's a question of what is political and what isn't. This policy just obscures the issue."

Schulman also said the student council showed "flippancy" by telling SAC of its proposed new status

on Activities Night last week.

"The way they did it showed a lack of basic respect. There was no element of democratic consultation. In the last five years we've had to deal with very conservative students, but they gave what we had to say respect, and we were consulted on issues," she said.

"Now that has completely changed."

SAC coordinators refused to discuss the change in status on Activities Night and insisted on a private meeting, which will take place later this week.

SAC has asked other campus groups to protest the new policy.

Concordia Students' Association chooses procedure over politics

by Salimah Valiani

Organizers who brought a Nation of Islam speaker to Montreal last week are accusing the Concordia University Students Association (CUSA) of censorship.

On Friday September 13, Minister Donald Mohammed of the Black nationalist Nation of Islam and Mohawk speakers spoke to mostly Black youth at Westmount High School. But organizers had originally scheduled the event for August 9th, at Concordia's Loyola Campus.

"We booked the room at Loyola jointly with the Concordia Black Women's Congress. CUSA later stopped us from using the room, explaining that the budget of the Black Women's Congress had still not been approved" said Garvin X Taylor of Khufu Productions, one of the event's organizers.

CUSA co-president, Eleanor Brown told the *Daily*: "Someone booked the room in CUSA's name, and since it was not a CUSA event, we cancelled it."

Money, however, was not even an issue according to Rafiq Khalfan, another Khufu Productions member. "The status of the Black Women's Congress' budget was irrelevant because we weren't asking CUSA for a cent. The people from the Nation were paying for their own transportation, and their

accommodation expenses would have been covered by the money made from ticket sales" he said.

In fact, cancelling the event became an expense for CUSA, and ultimately, students of Concordia. "CUSA hired two security guards to make sure nobody could enter the room on that evening of August 9th" said Khalfan.

Taylor questioned the string of events following August 9th. "Curiously, a day after the Nation was prevented from speaking, an article written by an ex-Concordia student appeared in the *Gazette*. It was spreading the usual hate propaganda about Farrakhan and the so-called anti-Jew, anti-white Nation of Islam" he said.

Taylor also pointed to the August 15th issue of the *Montreal Mirror*, which featured an article about AKA-X, a Montreal black-activist group. "Thinking that we would immediately accuse CUSA of racism, Eleanor Brown went and did an article about another Black group to save CUSA's image. Islam teaches us not to cry about how we fall down, but to get back-up. Our goal was to bring together the Nation of Islam and our native brothers and sisters in Montreal - and that's what we did" said Taylor.

Taylor continued, "around the same time, 75-page anti-Nation

booklets circulated around Concordia, published by the well-known, or maybe not so well-known B'Nai Brith."

The B'Nai Brith is the father organization of the Anti-Defamation League. In his book *The Other Side of the Coin* American Jew Alfred Lilienthal describes it as an organ which long ago moved away from its earlier goal of stamping out anti-semitism and now commits "acts of defamation, spying and publishing spurious literary productions, motivated by support of Israel and effected by eliminating critics of Zionist tactics."

Various people who attended the event stressed the importance of creating a forum for the Nation of Islam.

"They are telling the truth that we never hear. These truths are ghastly to some people and that's why they don't want to let the Nation speak" said musician Jon Parkins.

On the question of the Nation's controversial views on women, Leena Cocker said "All black men and women need to hear these social and historical facts. If Black women disagree with certain views held by the Nation, we will defend ourselves. We don't need white women to shelter us. That is just an all too familiar act of paternalism."



Glen Kealey tells all

by Alex Roslin

Shortly after the Tories came to power in 1984, a series of mysterious break-ins occurred at Conservative party offices across the country. The only things stolen in each case were lists of major donors to the Tory election campaign.

Denis LaPointe was the RCMP officer sent to investigate the break-ins. LaPointe never found the thieves.

The officer would later plead guilty to several counts of defrauding the federal government in 1989. In one incident LaPointe received a \$500 000 bribe to drop an investigation of a corporation suspected of criminal activity. In all, LaPointe was found guilty of taking bribes from four corporations, including corporate giants Dominion Securities and Merrill Lynch.

"You can draw your own conclusions," says Glen Kealey, the Hull developer who has waged a three-year campaign to show that the Tories are running Canada as if it was a "criminal empire."

The LaPointe incident shows that high-ranking officers in the national police force are helping the Tories conceal massive corruption, he said. Kealey suggested it was LaPointe himself who broke into the Tory offices, in order to remove incriminating documents.

"Who was on those contributors' lists," Kealey asked. "We'll never know."

Last July, Kealey made headlines after filing criminal charges against 13 top-level Tory bureaucrats and politicians, along with two senior RCMP officers and one retired RCMP official.

On Monday, Ontario Crown prosecutors rejected all but one of the charges of corruption. They said further charges could follow, pending a more thorough investigation of what they called "a conspiracy" to defraud the government. Kealey said in response that he has "never heard of a conspiracy of one."

On the surface, it appeared like Kealey had merely stumbled onto a few greedy officials skimming a percentage off federal contracts.

But Kealey tried to show that the corruption goes beyond that.

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"The business of running the Canadian government is the business of running a criminal operation for the benefit of foreign bankers," Kealey told the *Daily* yesterday.

"The Tories are experts in sleaze, especially the gang brought in by Mulroney from St-Xavier university. They have a real business acumen for it."

According to Kealey, the Tories stole or gave away enough money to

pay off the entire national debt. Kealey estimated that federal officials skim off from five to 15 per cent on every single government contract into their own coffers.

"For example, where do you suppose Mila Mulroney gets all the money to fill her closets with such expensive clothes," Kealey asked. "There's no way Brian could afford it on \$80 000 a year, which is what he earns after taxes."

Given all the Mulroneys' various

expenses, their household income must be supplemented by at least \$50 000 a month, Kealey said.

To support his claims Kealey made reference to the striking Public Service Alliance of Canada, which in August called for a Parliamentary inquiry to investigate government corruption. The NDP later seconded a call by PSAC President Daryl Bean to probe secretive process by which the government contracts out \$5 billion in services each year.

As further evidence of systematic corruption, Kealey pointed to the

12 Tory cabinet ministers who have already left the government amidst corruption charges since 1984.

One was Suzanne Blais-Grenier, a junior Transport minister who resigned from office in 1985 after accusations of highrolling in Europe.

In 1988, Blais-Grenier wrote an article in the *Journal de Montréal*, in which she alleged that the Tories had a systematic five per cent kick-back scheme operating in Québec.

"Certain government contracts involve tens, indeed hundreds of millions of dollars. I'm not talking

of a mere \$1000 passed under the table," she said.

"I am convinced that this (patronage and kickbacks) exists in an organized fashion here and could be brought to light with an adequate inquiry."

Blais-Grenier also said that a criminal inquiry would not bring to light the extent of the corruption because of "the particular methods that such an exercise requires and the type of proofs required." The best investigation would result from a Royal Commission, similar to the Iran/Contra investigation conducted by the U.S. Congress.

Another disgraced Tory was MP Michael Gravel, who pleaded guilty to 15 counts of fraud and influence peddling in 1986. He had originally been charged with 50 counts of criminal activity.

Gravel maintained throughout his trial that former Supply and Services minister Roch LaSalle was also implicated in receiving kickbacks on government contracts.

LaSalle was finally charged on Monday for demanding a bribe and conspiring to defraud the federal government. Kealey accused Ontario prosecutors of political motivations for not charging the other Tories, but seemed optimistic.

"For two years the police refused to lay charges against LaSalle. So it's finally one down, and 15 to go."

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Career Day homophobic, students charge

by Neelam Sandhu

McGill's gay and lesbian students are protesting the presence of the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces at the 14th annual McGill Career Days yesterday and today in the Union Ballroom.

GALOM (Gays and Lesbians of McGill) wants McGill to develop a policy which will bar discriminatory employers and organizations from campus. The RCMP and Canadian army both have well-known policies of discrimination against lesbians and gays.

The career days were organized by AIESEC, an international association for management and economics students.

Said GALOM member Chris Wood, "It was ignorant of AIESEC

not to be aware of the discriminatory policies."

When confronted with the problem AIESEC expressed regret at the situation. "We're sympathetic to the news, as we had no idea about their policies," said Career Day coordinator Betty de Couto.

Regardless, both the RCMP and the Canadian Armed Forces will be present at Career Day as a cancellation would have cost AIESEC \$600.

Both groups have participated in the event several times before, but "unless there are major changes in their policies, I will recommend to next year's AIESEC executive that they not be allowed to come back," said de Couto.

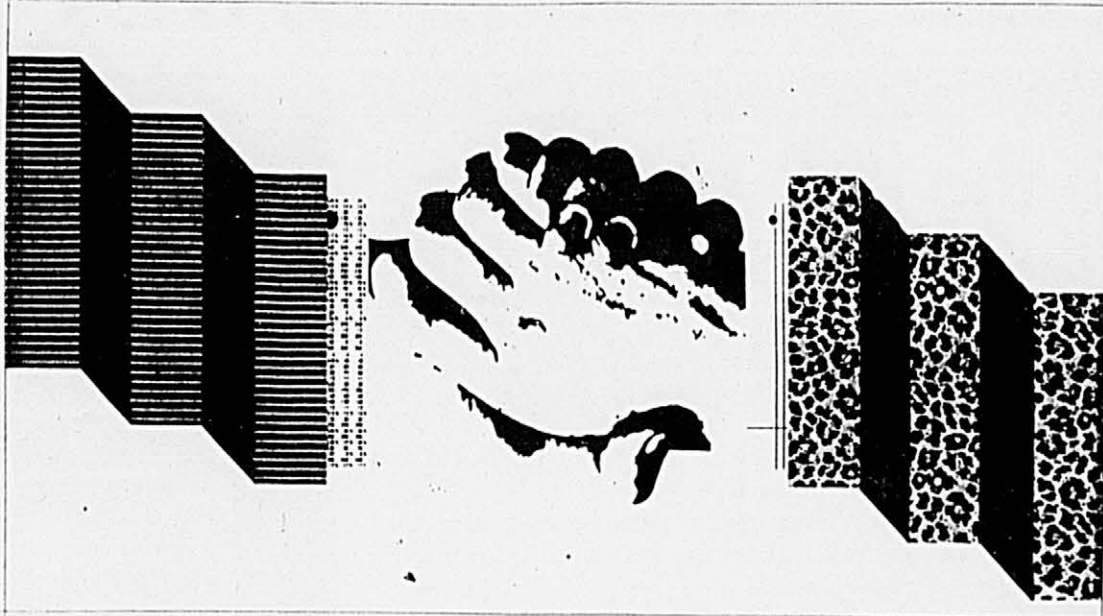
Students' Society VP-Internal Alex Johnston said council will dis-

cuss the presence of discriminatory employers on campus.

Other participants in the career

days include CAE Electronics, a major military contractor, and Procter & Gamble, owner of Folger's

Coffee which is the object of a boycott organized by coffee plantation workers in El Salvador.



Gay and lesbian employees form national coalition

By Robin Le Baron

A McGill group voted last Monday to join Canada's first national coalition of Lesbian and Gay employees' associations.

"The coalition has enormous potential," said Robert Head, the president of the Lesbian and Gay Employees of McGill (LAGEM) and pro-tem chair of the new national coalition. "I expect that it will be very successful in establishing a national presence."

McGill's LAGEM is one of the founding members of the coalition. The Gay and Lesbian employees association at Bell Canada Enterprises is another. The B.C. Hospital Employees Union; the Association of Gays and Lesbians of Ottawa; and Pink Triangle Services in Ontario have also responded enthusiastically, said Head.

"The coalition will function as an umbrella organization," said Head. "Our first goal will be to concentrate on building and consolidating the organization."

Coalition organizers will soon meet with members of CUPE.

"We have a good shot at getting a lot of support from organized labour," said Head. "Gays and Lesbians haven't historically been



Robert Head of LAGEM

well represented within unions. The coalition will give unions a chance to align themselves with an appropriate organization."

The offices of Svend Robinson, NDP MP from Burnaby, have also given the new coalition support and encouragement, according to Head.

The coalition plans to assemble a national listing of Gay and Lesbian employee organizations; provide a forum for teleconferencing; run a newsletter; organize support services; and lobby

employers and all levels of government.

The membership of most member associations in the coalition is confidential, and there is no way to determine the number of people it represents. "But," notes Head, "Bell Canada Enterprises alone has 50 000 employees, so you can be sure the coalition represents a large constituency."

LAGEM, McGill's Lesbian and Gay association, also broke fresh ground when it was founded in February 1990. "It was the world's first gay and lesbian staff organization, as far as I know," said Head.

Head said that LAGEM's membership has been growing steadily since it was founded.

MUNICIPAL BRIEFS

by Peter Clibbon

To keep its readers on top of municipal affairs, the *Daily* has assembled a brief summary of what was discussed and decided during city council's latest regular meeting held Monday.

The city's big decisions are made by the council's executive committee. Nevertheless, for what they are worth, council meetings are public and meet about once a month. City council next meets October 21 at 19h, at city hall (at métro Champs de Mars).

Boycott, Schmoycott

According to opposition city councillors, the city is violating its own anti-apartheid policy by granting construction contracts to the Tri-zec firm.

The city adopted a policy in 1987 against contracting out to companies with dealings in South Africa or to the South African government itself. Tri-zec is the landlord for the South African consulate.

"It's just like all their 'progressive' policies; the anti-apartheid policy was only for public appearance," said Marvin Rotrand, of the Democratic Coalition opposition party.

The city has said Tri-zec has acted in good faith by promising not to renew the consulate's lease when it runs out in 1994, and is hence not affected by the policy.

The Montréal-Toronto protocol

In a drive for Canadian unity, city council voted to adopt proposals that could increase cooperation between the cities of Montréal and Toronto. The resolution surprised many observers who had thought the ruling MCM was dominated by *indépendentistes*.

Initiated by Toronto mayor Art Eggleton, the "protocol" means cooperation between the cities on environment and minority issues. A joint corporation will be formed to handle joint economic issues.

Cyclists irate

City executive committee member Thérèse Daviau said discussions with South Shore municipalities are required in order to authorize \$12 000 for a bicycle path crossing the river. The path, formerly dubbed "Lachainon manquant" — the missing link, was completed last year at a cost of \$550 000.

But the city's refusal to pay for security guards has prematurely closed the path to cyclists this fall.

"When there are four bridges for cars, why must such complicated negotiations be required for a single bicycle lane, which is now closed," Claire Morissette, from the bike rights

group Le Monde à Bicyclette, asked during the council meeting.

"Considering \$1.2 million was spent on the Auto Racing Motorway — used only ten days a year — we are not talking a considerable amount."

Daviau also refused to comment on the viability of a bicycle path crossing downtown along de Maisonneuve street. The city promised to begin construction on the path last year.

Falaise causes malaise

Members of Montréal's blue-collar union raised a fuss during council's question period about how the City administration tolerates toxic-waste dumping off the St. Jacques cliffs in the west end.

Illegal dumping of garbage and snow has caused the cliff walls to deteriorate and piles of refuse to accumulate at the cliff's base.

"The city's own staff describes fences ripped or completely buried by illegal dumping and illegal sewage pipes, discharging oil and grease on the face of the cliff," said Sam Boskey, Democratic Coalition member for Décarie.

The St. Jacques cliffs have been on the city's agenda since the provincial environment ministry warned the city to prevent illegal dumping along the escarpment. The city didn't comply with the warning and the cliff continues to erode.

In a related development, the city announced plans to invest \$1.6 million to convert the cliffs and bordering land into a park with bicycle and cross-country ski trails. The project was announced Monday in the city's capital-works plan.

Small parks disappear

By deciding not to resume a development ban on an empty downtown lot, the city is violating its own "Green Belt" plan, charged opposition councillors. The original park plan promised seven new parks for the park-starved downtown district.

But the city has cited a tight financial squeeze as an excuse for eliminating plans for all but one of the parks, which is now under construction near Berri-UQAM métro.

"I can understand the funding excuse," councillor Rotrand said, "but the city should act by means of priority. Instead of paving Old Montréal's streets with granite, it should establish parks in areas that are seriously desperate for green-space."

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COMMENT

In the belly of Hydro

Listen to me, o best beloved, and I will tell you a tale.

This is a tale of Jonah, who lived in the time of Ha-jak and Freid-man (may their souls rest in peace eternally).

Jonah was a free, and a good man, and he honoured his parents, and did little wrong, and lived a far corner of a large ship, a corner known as James Bay.

This sprawling ship was vast and wide, and many other people lived upon it. The ship was called *The Canadian Nation*.

But lo, great winds arose from the South, and the winds were called Megahydroprojects, and National Debt, and Economic Hard Times, and there were many many great winds.

And the leaders of this peculiar ship gathered to take council together, among them the unliked Captain Brian Muldoon and his lanky Skipper Bou. They debated and palavered and spoke at great length, and the hair grew mightily from their tongues. Yet they consulted very little with their crew, and of all their crew they consulted least with Jonah.

And the leaders issued at length a mighty pronouncement, and they said: "O citizens, brethren, comrades on our mighty venture! We are awashed and beset by mighty winds! We have prayed and offered sacrifices to our Gods, but to no avail!

"Yet courage, o brethren! We have a new and goodly plan! We will offer a new sacrifice, before which even the gods must give way! We will choose among ourselves, and cast one of our number, with the lands s/he walks on, and the air s/he breaths, and the life s/he has known, into the slaving ravenous Maw of the Mighty Whale James, a Whale of Environmental Destruction.

"And then, o bretheren, we shall be saved (at least until the twenty-first century)."

So said the leaders of the ship.

Then the crew of the ship was much amazed, and the flunkies of the ship's leaders looked among their number for the sacrificial victim.

And their gaze fell upon Jonah, who lived at the far end of the ship. So they cried: Let it be Jonah who is cast to the Whale!

They then seized Jonah, and they flung him from the ship, and Jonah fell far far into the waters, and the great Whale La Grande arose, steaming and foaming, from the depths, engulfing Jonah in its monstrous and terrible maw.

And then another whale, a Great Whale, larger than the first, rose likewise from the depths, and engulfed the first whale, and Jonah too.

Jonah lay sodden in the belly of the Whale and was troubled. But as Jonah lay, the air around him glowed blue, and the first Angel of the Lord of Progress, the mighty Telev-Izhun, appeared to the shivering Jonah and spoke these words:

"Fear not, o Jonah! For you are now sore afflicted. Yet have patience, and great things will come to you. You will be redeemed, and raised up, and live in ease and comfort.

"You will live amidst tall trees of steel and granite and glass. You shall joust with the blue knights of Jus-Tiss and eat Pooteen. Your life will be bigger, newer, better, more sophisticated."

The angel Telev-Izhun stayed with Jonah beyond all patience. Alas Jonah grew quite displeased with his predicament, and with the lack of fellow-feeling on the sad boat *The Canadian Nation*, especially from among its business class passengers, and from its Captain Muldoon, and from his Skipper Bou.

It was simply not a pretty sight, all these whales where before there were none. It didn't require more than good sense to say no.

Jonah did. Where were we?

Alex Roslin

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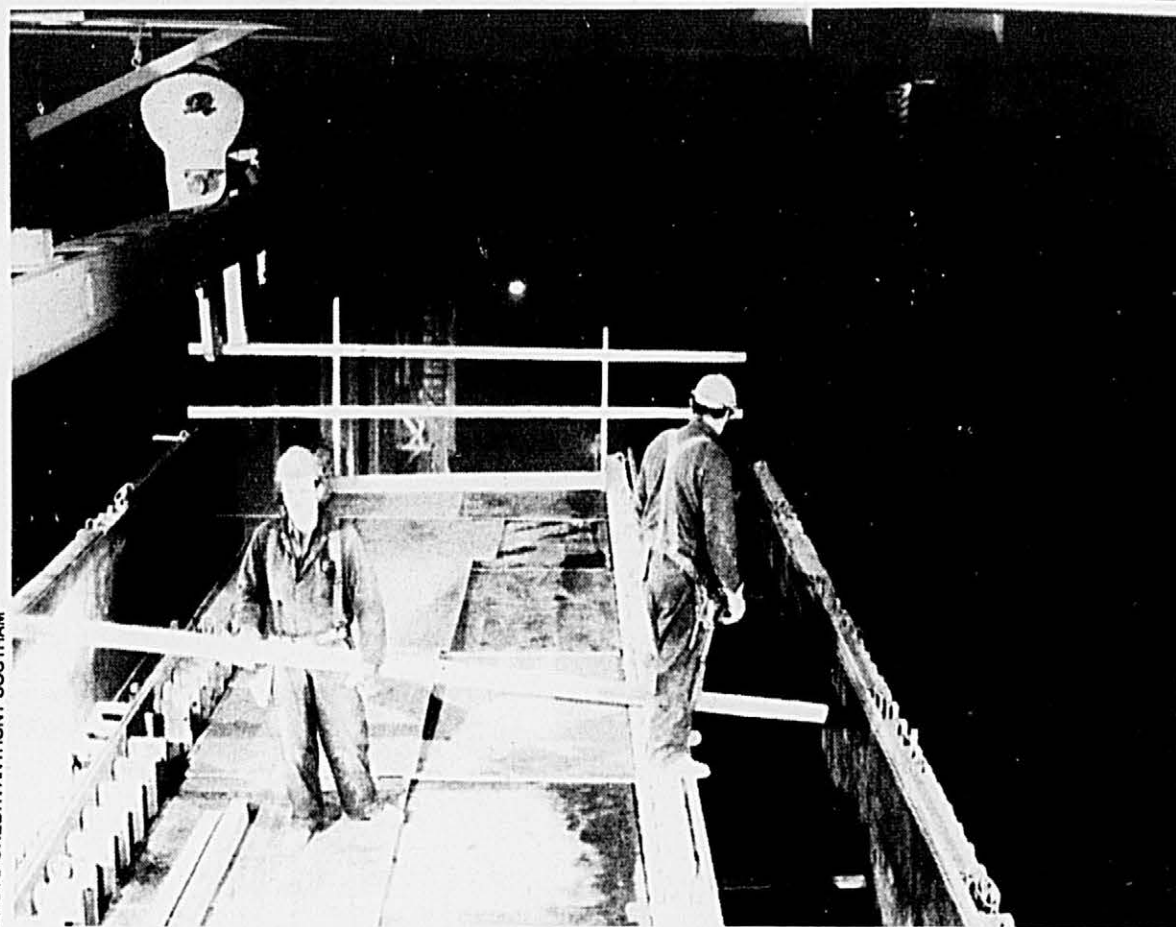
Are you sick?

To the Daily:

This letter is addressed to Bharat Patel (Sept. 16), who "encourages" readers to comment on his letter about the necessity of feminism.

Firstly, feminism is not an ideology women have created in order to

profit from their (as you are so ready to suggest) "victim" status in our society. Feminism is essential because it promotes the reality that women are valuable and crucial participants in all and every aspect of our society. Feminists (who are not all female) believe that women



James Bay Phase II, under construction as the environmental reviews proceed

deserve the respect and dignity that comes with being valuable. Indeed, if there weren't so many people with your mentality around, maybe feminism wouldn't exist in the first place.

Secondly, there is no advantage associated with being a feminist. Advocates of the feminist movement have been harassed, ridiculed and labelled needlessly for their political convictions. People think that only hairy-legged women that hate men and want to take over the world are feminist and therefore should be ignored. However, the truth of the matter is that all women who have chosen to take control of their destinies and not succumb to passive obscurity are feminists to a certain degree. Indeed, every woman who has or is attended this university with the hopes of some day pursuing a career is one type of feminist. I wager that it is for this reason that very few women criticize feminism.

Thirdly, how can anyone be psychologically satisfied with being a victim? Are you sick? What does that mean? Are you saying that women LIKE to be seen as victims, as in helpless and vulnerable? Exactly which rock did you crawl out from under? I thought the whole idea of feminism is to correct that myth that society has of women. Furthermore, how can you say that feminism provides women with "a mantle against criticism" when some people actually use the word "femi-

nist" in a derogatory sense? I'm not even going to attempt to argue your point of "moral superiority" because it's just plain ridiculous.

The only thing you have done, Bharat Patel, is proven that feminism still has a long life and much work ahead of it. Indeed, it will not stop until gender-equality at every level of society has been achieved. Unfortunately, that won't happen until your primitive mentality finally becomes obsolete.

Pat Gentile
Arts U2

Boycott of Israel

To the Daily:

I never cease to be amazed at how quickly some react when Israel is in any way mentioned in anything less than the most cordial or benevolent manner. The *McGill Daily*, in its second publication this term, was merely publishing "a list of organized and well known boycotts." Nobody was "implored," as Mr Block (letter, Sept. 16th) claims, to boycott Israel, but rather as clearly stated in the article in question "to provide a good understanding about how our economy works, and how its actors typically function."

However, the fact that Israel was put under the spot light seems to have hit on the nerves of many, and as usual this triggered a barrage of accusations of anti-Semitic anti-Israelism. The mainstream Jewish

community seems unwilling to grant that the state of Israel is a political entity capable of crime and injustice. Mainstream Jewish thinkers typically view Israel as a miracle which is restricted to the realm of the sacred. Far from advocating reasoned compromise they enthusiastically defend the idea that the Land of Palestine belongs to Jews only.

This perspective widely shared in the mainstream Jewish community is the underlying cause of both Israeli obstinacy and Palestinian-Arab hostility to Israel.

Emmanuel Chomski says (letter, Sept. 16th), "Israel does not have a perfect human rights record, true." This, my friend, to put it lightly, is nothing but an understatement. Noble Peace Prize winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu, in an interview with the *Jerusalem Post's* international edition for December 30, 1989, stated, "I am a black South African, and if I were to change the names, a description of what is happening in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank could describe events in South Africa."

One last thing, Mr Chomski. One says Arab states and countries — not Arabic states and countries, unless one is speaking about Arabic fruit.

Omar Sartawi
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Engineers plan solar car

Beating the clock under the sun

by Joel Harrison

McGill University has traditionally been at the forefront of environmentally-friendly technological developments. Now, a group of undergraduate engineering students has attempted to put McGill "back in the race" with the development of the school's first solar car.

The car is being designed to compete in the American "Race de Soleil", a gasoline-free trek from Albany, New York to Plymouth, Massachusetts.

"She is called *Ra Power*, after the ancient Egyptian sun goddess," explained Joey Menitto, project coordinator and engineering student, "and her mission is to get from A to B as fast as possible."

The project began last year in a paper for an electrical engineering class. Up to now, some 600 hours have been spent on the car's design and fabrication, and the students hope to raise over \$60,000 for its construction and participation in the race.

The car contains a predominately hand-designed and crafted aluminum frame and body. The 20 foot body is moulded from Nomex and Kevlar, a puncture-resistant material used on canoes.

The solar panel which powers the car's electric motor is mounted on the vehicle's back. Despite the panel's small size — eight square meters — it can produce 1000 Watts of power, allowing the car to reach velocities as high as 100 km/h.

Compensating for periods when clouds block the sun's rays or when extra power is needed to climb hills are recurrent problems encountered by solar car advocates. Although energy not required for immediate use is directed to storage batteries, prototype solar cars are often idle by the roadside, waiting for a clear sky.

Contrary to standard gasoline-powered vehicles which channel power with gear systems, *Ra Power* is driven by belts.

"Basically, I'll put the pedal to the metal and keep it there," said Michael Johnston, the car's driver

providing the car makes it to the race.

"Our main hurdle now is financial," said Bruce Hill, who is responsible for the project's fundraising. "We are looking for support from alumni, the Minister of Technology, and various companies." The team has already received limited support from Alcan, Dupont, and Hydro-Quebec.

Although "*Ra Power*" is a track model and not designed for road travel, it is an important step towards a replacement for the gasoline automobile. "We have to begin somewhere, and participating in this race will give us the exposure we need," said Hill.

Other universities have extensive research programs to develop alternatively powered vehicles. Queen's University, for example, spent over \$300 000 on their prototype, and have over 150 members involved in its production.

Students wishing to help in the solar car's production can call Bruce at 398-7259.



Joey Menitto, project coordinator shows model of solar-powered car

Students want peek at course evaluations

by Catherine Jheon

Students' Society intends to publish an "anti-calendar" next summer, pending Senate approval this October.

Course evaluations results completed by McGill students each term will be compiled in a handbook and made available to students, according to a Students' Society member.

"The departments' inconsistency in publishing the evaluation results is the reason we feel the need for students to have a standard university evaluation guide," said Rosalyn Ward-Smith, Student Society's VP University Affairs. "Considering students fill out these evaluations, it only makes sense that they should be made available to us."

Although some departments do publish these results, others — such as the department of Economics — do not.

Student Society's first step will be to make sure that the results from all departments are made available to the public. They then hope to compile the results from all the departments in an 'anti-calendar'.

But students will probably have to wait longer than next summer for these handbooks, because they must be approved by the Senate, the departments and especially by the professors.

Some staff and administration are concerned that the proposed calendar will include comments going beyond criticism of course material. "Students should not use the calendar to punish professors," said History Professor Thomas

Keirstead. Keirstead said he would have no objections to such a handbook providing it didn't act as a popularity contest between professors.

Professor Jagdish Handa, Associate Dean of Student Affairs, said

he welcomed the handbook and saw no problem with it being approved by Senate. But he added that some students would let personal bias get in the way when evaluating professors.

According to Ward-Smith,

Students' Society was optimistic the handbook would be approved by the professor-dominated Senate.

"Although it's hard to pin down a figure, though I'd say our chances are 50-50 of getting the handbook

approved," she said.

If approved, the handbook's costs will be covered by advertising. According to Ward-Smith, any shortfall will be covered by charging students several dollars for the handbook.

York T.A.s may pick up pickets for wages, smaller class sizes

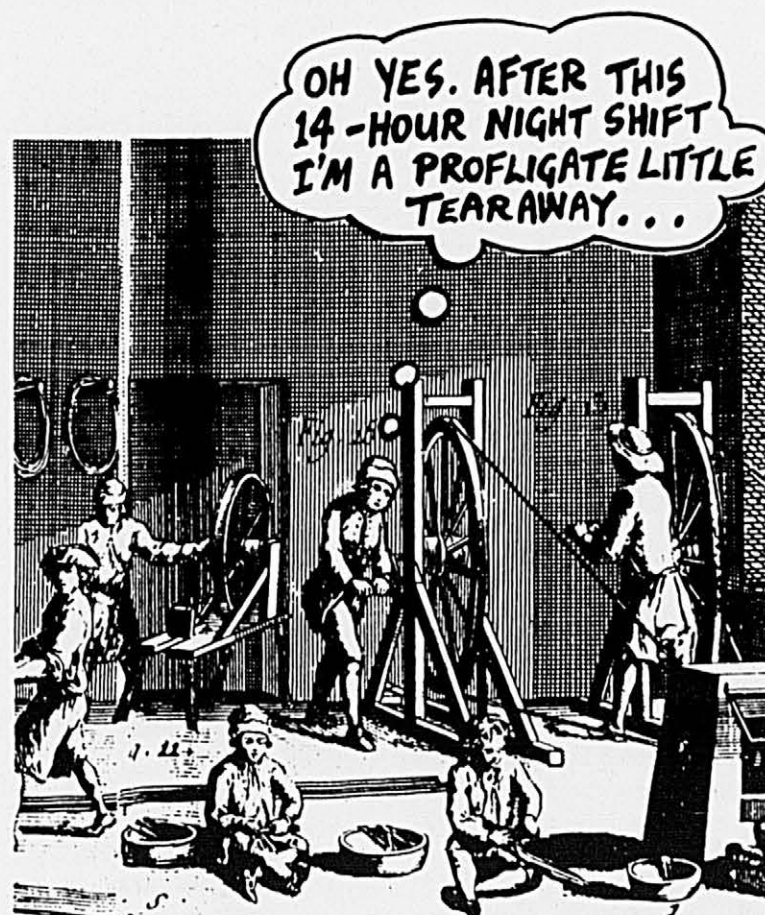
TORONTO (CUP)-York University teaching assistants may strike this fall if the university fails to meet their wage demands, said union representatives.

The 2000 TAs and part-time professors, members of the Canadian Union of Educational Workers (CUEW), are angry because the university's offer is lower than the settlement reached with full-time faculty and librarians. Traditionally, deals offered to CUEW are on par with those reached with the faculty association.

The faculty association reached a deal early this summer with the university which included a nine per cent increase in salaries and benefits. However, the administration has only offered CUEW a 5.8 per cent pay hike.

CUEW negotiator Margaret Watson said union members could strike if the university doesn't improve its offer. "We expected to do just as well," she said.

Administration negotiator Paula O'Riley said the university is not bound to meet the deal.



"Obviously, they are entitled to their view," she said. "It is difficult

for us to meet all the demands. The university is in serious financial

constraints."

York TAs and part-time professors are among the highest paid in Canada, while full-time professors earn below the Ontario salary average for professors, added O'Riley.

But Watson said TAs and part-time faculty perform the same work as faculty association members and they should be paid equally.

Other contentious issues include class sizes and the conversion program, which converts a number of part-time faculty members to full-time status each year. The administration wants to temporarily suspend the programme, but CUEW members fear it is an attempt to eliminate the programme, Watson said.

"Things are not going well," she said. "It's starting to look clear that on major issues we are far apart and will continue to be far apart."

Opposition to James Bay needed Norton calls for action against elites

by James MacInnis

The profit-making activities of a small number of Canadians threaten the lives of thousands of first nations peoples at James Bay and elsewhere in Canada, said Kahnawake Grand Chief Joe Norton at a talk at McGill on Monday.

Norton devoted much of his talk to the issue of political activism to protest Hydro-Québec's \$12.6-billion hydrodevelopment at James Bay. The development, which proposes to flood an area the size of Lake Ontario, will only benefit a small elite of Canadians, he said. The project would also have a negative environmental repercussions all over the world.

But the issue of James Bay transcends the sovereignty aspirations of the first peoples, Norton said.

"The land is everything to us. But it's not only a native concern. It's a human concern."

Norton's words had special resonance at McGill, where a new \$700 000 research centre in environmental ethics was recently announced by Hydro-Québec. The move was widely denounced as a P.R. ploy.

Norton pleaded with audience members to speak out in protest

over the way a small elite in Canada controls the fates of the majority of the population, as well as the lives of first nations peoples.

"Is there really democracy in North America where we can receive justice," he asked. "Is it a system which will bring change for the better?"

Norton said that Canada's "supposed democracy" is in the hands of a small elite group of millionaires, industrialists and lawyers.

Challenging the system of money-making should be the first priority of Canadians. "We must exercise every right to challenge the powers that be."

Norton warned that this country's elites do not take dissent lightly — often responding with truncheons and handcuffs — but that political activism is vital to the preservation of life.

According to Norton, the world can halt its slide into self-destruction by looking to native philosophy.

Among other things, this philosophy involves not reducing the meaning of life to materialism and money. "The true purposes of life are in the mind and in the heart."

Norton contrasted elitist ten-

dencies in Canada's political structure with native principles of egalitarianism. He cited the Iroquois Confederacy's philosophy of liberty and equality and its influences on French and American revolutionaries.

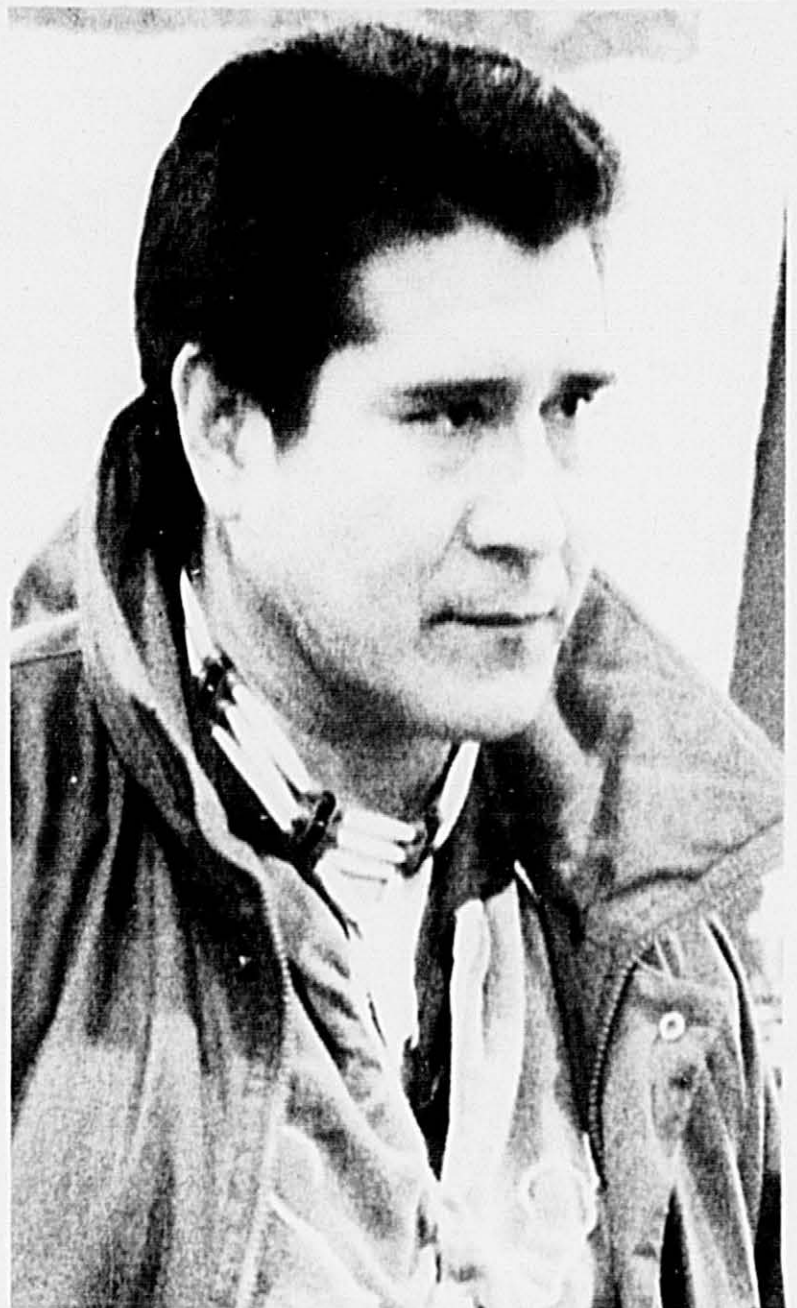
He ended his speech by emphasizing the ability of the first nations to survive in the face of an alien culture and unfriendly governments.

"After 400 years, we're still here. People have to come to terms with the two realities and different views dealing with land."

He invoked the symbolism of the Two-Row-Wampum treaty signed with the Dutch in the 17th century. "Natives and Canadians must view their relations as two distinct vessels, a canoe and a tall ship, travelling the river of life and sharing the abundance of this great land."

Never, he said, do they cross nor dominate one another. They remain linked by three chains: peace, harmony and justice. The struggle is "to find harmony so the chains don't break," he said. "We can't become you, but we can live together."

Norton's talk was organized by the Québec Public Interest Research Group. For information call 398-7432.



LETTERS

Greedheads

To the Daily:

Re: "Angry Blond," letter from John Unrau.

Mr Unrau complains in his fatuous letter of Sept. 16 that blonde people are the victims of "unhealthy stereotypes" which portray them as stupid or rich.

However, referring to the original letter where another individual uses the phrase "meatloaf-eating blond people whose parents have bought them Jeeps" — this does not refer to all blondes, nor even meatloaf-eating blondes. So lighten up. Acquire a sense of humour.

I'm a blonde and have eaten meatloaf (albeit not for approximately 12 yrs). I didn't take offense, and I don't see that the original article had any intent other than to criticize the SSMU greedheads.

Greg Alton
U6

Raspberries

To the Daily:

Like wow!

Mr Patel encourages response to his letter of Sept. 16, 1991.

Well here goes: THBBBBBT!

Mr Patel has won my raspberry of the week.

I'm not going to take up space with rape state or a sermon on violence against women. However, if Mr Patel is correct there must be a hell of a lot of psychologically satisfied women around here.

As far as moral superiority goes I have a question.

Who do you think has the more developed moral sense: a woman with an axe to grind or a jackass with a pen to empty. Much love.

Pierre Le Rocque
U4

Vandalism a crime

To the Daily:

I must take issue with the coverage by *The Daily* of the labour situation and *The Daily's* unwavering support of strikers.

If strikers struck peacefully, and allowed people to cross their picket lines, I could not complain. But, strikers do not have the right to vandalize their employers' property, break into buildings, and stick their offensive little stickers to virtually every surface.

Picket lines are supposed to be peaceful gatherings to inform others of their situation. They are not to physically harass people who wish to cross picket lines. Riot police should not have to be called in to enforce the law, but the goon squad tactic of strikers requires their presence.

PSAC strikers, for some strange, comical reason, seem unable to comprehend the concept of "scab." Scabs are replacement workers brought in by management to fill the positions left by strikers. They are not workers who decide to cross picket lines, and they are not workers who have to work because they are essential.

The Daily was quick to condemn recent violence in Latin America by

right-wing groups, and rightly so. I await the day when *The Daily* will be fair and impartial, with no double standards in their criticism of all groups who use violence illegally.

Emmanuel Chomski
U1 Chemistry

Anxiety

To the Daily:

While I share Allison Smith's legitimate anxiety about the quality of the McGill educational environment (the *Daily*, 11 September, p. 6), may I be permitted to reassure her that the "potential shutdown" of the Graduate Studies Program in the Department of English need not give her cause for concern.

So far as I know, the Graduate Studies Program in our department has never been healthier. In 1990-91 we enrolled a total of 14 PhD students, as compared with an average of 8 in previous years; and for 1991-92 we have again registered about the same number. Our M.A. 1 enrollment for 1991-92 is also markedly up — 32 students this year as compared to 26 in 1990-91. And the academic calibre of our registrants has never been higher.

We cannot afford, however, to be complacent. Clearly the size and quality of graduate programs are dependent on funding, and this must be aggressively pursued by everyone concerned with the university's long-term wellbeing.

We're doing our best!

John Ripley
Chair
Department of English

Spew

To the Daily:

In a letter to the editor on September 16, Erik Block attacked the *Daily* for "double standards grounded in malice." He goes on to claim that these double standards "spew a corrosive acid of anti-Semitism."

I have not done a detailed study of the *Daily*, and I could not hope to personally know the editors and writers as well as Mr Block obviously does, so I won't even try to guess the possible double standards and hidden motivations behind this paper. Rather, I want to consider the second part of Block's statement.

In arguing that the *Daily's* criticism of the Israeli government is anti-Semitic, Block makes the mistake of inseparably linking the Likud government with the Jewish people: to criticize one is to criticize the other. While this is a ridiculous argument it is one recounted far too many times as a means of deflecting uncomfortable criticism. Unfortunately, its heavy-handed use by Likud apologists has made it common currency. Block's sort of argument has served to perpetuate the myth that all Jews support Israel's barbaric and self-destructive policies in the occupied territories and southern Lebanon.

If we are to rely on the opinions offered to us by Mr Block we are given no choice but to believe that in order to condemn the actions of the Israeli government we must also condemn all Jews. In other words, Block's letter is a wonderful agent in promoting what he claims to dis-

dain, anti-Semitism.

It is clear that most people would laugh at a letter complaining that the *Daily's* criticisms of Brian Mulroney "spew a corrosive acid of anti-Canadianism." So how can anyone take Mr Block seriously? Unfortunately many do, and many become unquestionably anti-Semitic.

Jeremy Dolgin
U3 PoliSci



Events

BMH plant sale at 3935 University St. All proceeds go to the Evergreen Foundation

The Pillar, the ASUS magazine is holding its first general meeting today at 18h00 in Arts 350. All welcome.

International Socialists are holding a public meeting: "From Russia to the Baltics: Is Communism Dead?" 19h30 in Arts 160.

CLASSIFIEDS

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Notice of General Meeting

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A General Meeting of the Post Graduate Students' Society (PGSS) has been called to discuss the PGSS Constitution. It is important that graduate students attend the meeting.

Sandwiches and coffee will be served.

The following amendments to the PGSS Constitution, as discussed and passed at Council on February 6th, 1991, will be presented, debated and shall receive final approval by a two-thirds majority of the voting regular members present at the meeting.

1. Article 1: Section 1:

delete: "L'Association des Etudiants aux Etudes Superieures (deuxieme et troisieme cycles) de L'Université McGill"

and replace with:

"L'Association des étudiantes et étudiants des 2ième et 3ième cycles de l'Université McGill."

2. Article 6: Sections 6 & 8:

delete: "until such permission has been granted to so purchase or obligate the Society at a meeting of Council"

and replace with:

"until such permission has been granted at a meeting of Council to make such a purchase or so obligate the Society."

3. Add **"Article 16: Affirmative Action:** Nothing in this constitution shall preclude any programme, activity or policy of the Society that has as its object the improvement of conditions of a group disadvantaged because of race, colour, national origin, religion, social status, class, language, sex, sexual orientation or handicap and the methods used to palliate such distinction, exclusion or preference in membership of PGSS Committees in the attempt to improve the condition of one of the aforementioned disadvantage groups."

4. Article 10: Section 3:

Add:

"d) Article 10: Section 3(c) does not preclude recognition of an organization which makes a distinction or exclusion in membership

justified by its efforts to improve the condition of a group disadvantaged because of race, colour, national origin, religion, social status, class, language, sex, sexual orientation or handicap and the methods used to palliate such handicaps."

5. Article 7: Section 1 & 3:

delete "The principle" and replace with "The principal"

6. Article 13: Section 2 (a) 2):

delete:

"before the meeting at which the proposal is to be debated"

and replace with:

"before the meeting at which the proposal is to be introduced and debated"

7. Article 15:

Add:

"s) All language/terminology appearing in the Constitution, By-laws, Corporate Bylaws and Regulations of the PGSS Inc., shall be gender-neutral language in English and gender inclusive language in French; the English version with the most recent version of the *Globe & Mail Style Guide*, and for the french version, with the guidelines of la Commission de la langue française."

In 1988 the PGSS Council adopted a bilingual policy, requiring the constitution to be translated. A French translation has been reviewed and is now ready for ratification by the general membership. The text of translation is available at Thomson House.

Sandra Munro
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PGSS 398-3756